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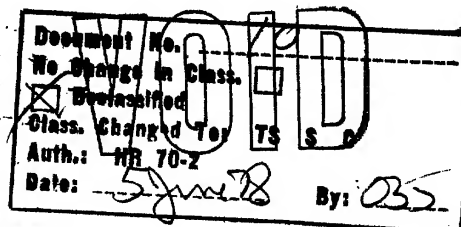
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1. A group of young army officers who were suspended from their duties in Caracas because of being involved in activities in opposition to the Venezuelan Military Junta have been reinstated in the army. They were to leave at the end of the week of 18 September 1949 for their new assignments in the interior of Venezuela.
2. One of these young officers, who previously expressed bitter discontent and admitted being actively engaged in seditious activities against the government, now is very happy about his reinstatement. According to him, the attitude of the young officers now is that it would be best not to engage in any activity of a revolutionary nature since undoubtedly their objectives will be achieved within the next two years in the normal course of events. It is the opinion of the young officer that the government is proceeding vigorously against underground Accion Democratica (AD) activities, which, though considerable, are not having any appreciable effect upon the populace.
3. The young officers were very much impressed by recent events in Bolivia. They feel that any uprising by military elements in Venezuela now would seriously damage the internal prestige of the country. There is some discontent among them because of the decree restoring property to former high officials of the Medina, Lopez Contreras, and Gomez regimes who were accused under the AD government of having misappropriated public funds.

Comment: The above information reported herein tends to indicate that the schism between the younger and older officers within the Venezuelan Army is less serious now than when it was originally reported.
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